

Family – Children

N-400 Vocabulary to Study



These words about family and children are on your N-400 application. Practice saying and spelling these pair words and phrases. Talk about what they mean with your teacher.

parent _____ **child** _____

parents _____ **children** _____

father _____ **mother** _____

son _____ **daughter** _____

brother _____ **sister** _____

stepparent _____ **stepchild** _____

stepfather _____ **stepmother** _____

stepson _____ **stepdaughter** _____

oldest _____ **youngest** _____

married _____ **single** _____

biological _____ **adopted** _____

under 18 _____ **18 or older** _____

lives at home _____ **lives away from home** _____

born in the U.S. _____ **born in another country** _____

alive _____ **deceased** _____



Martin and Amanda

This story is about Martin and Amanda and their three children. First, read the story silently. Write any new words in the box below. Then practice the sentences of the story out loud with your teacher. Ask your teacher about any new words.

Martin and Amanda are from Jamaica. Amanda became a U.S. citizen last year. Now Martin wants to become a citizen. They have lived in New York for 10 years. They have two biological daughters, Victoria and Jessica. They also have one adopted son, Dominic.

Victoria is their oldest child. She is 25 years old. She was born in Jamaica. She is married and lives in Jamaica. She is very close to her younger sister and brother. Victoria misses them very much.

Jessica is their middle child. She is 22. She was also born in Jamaica. She goes to college in California. She is single. She wants to become a doctor. Jessica visits her family during the holidays.

Dominic is their youngest child. He was born in New York. When Dominic was one year old, his parents legally adopted him. Now he is 9

years old. He lives at home with his parents and goes to elementary school. Dominic emails his sisters every week, and tells them about school and sports.



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New Words

Write new words from the story in this box. Talk about what they mean with your teacher.



Martin and Amanda – Yes-No Chart

Think about Martin’s and Amanda’s children. Read the words below and write **YES** in the box if it is true for that person. Write **NO** if it is not true.

	Victoria	Jessica	Dominic
1. biological child?	YES	YES	NO
2. youngest?			
3. lives away from home?			
4. lives in California?			
5. born outside the U.S.?			
6. oldest?			
7. 18 or older?			
8. born in the U.S.?			
9. married?			
10. adopted child?			
11. single?			
12. lives with Martin and Amanda?			
13. under 18 years old?			
14. wants to be a doctor?			

Answer Key for Martin and Amanda – Yes-No Chart

1) BIOLOGICAL CHILD? YES, YES, NO; 2) YOUNGEST? NO, NO, YES; 3) LIVES AWAY FROM HOME? YES, YES, NO; 4) LIVES IN CALIFORNIA? NO, YES, NO; 5) BORN OUTSIDE THE U.S.? YES, YES, NO; 6) OLDEST? YES, NO, NO; 7) 18 OR OLDER? YES, YES, NO; 8) BORN IN THE U.S.? NO, NO, YES; 9) MARRIED? YES, NO, NO; 10) ADOPTED CHILD? NO, NO, YES; 11) SINGLE? NO, YES, YES; 12) LIVES WITH MARTIN AND AMANDA? NO, YES; 13) UNDER 18 YEARS OLD? NO, NO, YES; 14) WANTS TO BE A DOCTOR? NO, YES, NO



Juan and Carmen

This story is about Juan and Carmen and their three children. First, read the story silently. Then practice the sentences of the story out loud with your teacher. Ask your teacher about any new words.

Juan and Carmen are from Venezuela. They plan to apply for U.S. citizenship soon. They got married 12 years ago. They have lived in Iowa for 9 years. Carmen was married before and had a daughter, Teresa, during her first marriage. After Juan and Carmen got married, they had two boys, Roberto and Manuel. Roberto is 5

years old and Manuel is 3. Teresa was born in Venezuela, but her brothers were both born in the United States. She is 14 years old and lives with her father in Texas. She comes to Iowa to see her family every summer. They all have a good time together.

True or False

Read the sentence and decide if the information is TRUE or FALSE. Put a ✓ mark in the correct box.

1. Juan and Carmen are from Venezuela.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
2. Teresa is the youngest child in the family.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
3. Carmen has three biological children.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
4. Teresa lives in Tennessee with her father.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
5. Juan and Carmen have been married for 9 years.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
6. Teresa is Juan's stepson.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
7. Carmen has been married two times.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
8. Roberto is Juan's biological son.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
9. Manuel is 5 years old.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
10. Roberto and Manuel were born in Vietnam.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False

Answer Key for Juan and Carmen – True-False

(1) TRUE; (2) FALSE; (3) TRUE; (4) FALSE; (5) FALSE; (6) FALSE; (7) FALSE; (8) TRUE; (9) TRUE; (10) FALSE



Scrambled Words

Review the family words on page 1. Read the letters below and write the correct word.

1. L S N G I E	<u>SINGLE</u>
2. N O S	_____
3. L D I P H C S T E	_____
4. R H O B R T E	_____
5. A O O B L C L I G I	_____
6. T O S D E L	_____
7. P D A D T O E	_____
8. H U A R T D E G	_____
9. P S S T N E O	_____
10. S U T Y O N G E	_____

Write a Story about Your Family

Answer Key for Scrambled Words

(1) SINGLE; (2) SON; (3) STEPCHILD; (4) BROTHER; (5) BIOLOGICAL; (6) OLDEST; (7) ADOPTED; (8) DAUGHTER; (9) STEPSON; (10) YOUNGEST; (11) MARRIED; (12) BORN



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Conversation Grid

Interview five of your classmates. Ask each classmate about his/her family. Write the answers in the box. Write your own family question in the right-hand column and ask your classmates that question too.

NAME	Are you married or single?	Do you have any children?	How many brothers and sisters do you have?	_____ _____ _____? (Write your own question here.)
<i>Teresa</i>	<i>I'm single.</i>	<i>No, I don't.</i>	<i>I have two brothers.</i>	